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don't come out until you resolve your problems", and they did or that bill and they can on this and they have pretty much assured Senator Lamb and I that they would do that. Consequently, I support Senator Lamb's motion. I think it is a motion that we pass over the bill at the present time, not kill the bill but pass over it, and let them have a chance or an opportunity to get their marbles together and then we will play the game. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, did you want to talk on this?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think probably that Senator Lamb and Senator Kremer have done the best thing possible under the circumstances in deciding to hold the bill over. However, I think the problems with this bill are terminal. I think it is one of the worst pieces of legislation this Legislature has seen this session. It runs so against the philosophy of our power industry and the power decisions we have made in the past, that it probably could not be in worst shape than it is. What we do is we take a problem and we identify the problem with ratchet charges which is caused by summer peak and then we make the problem worse with this bill which is supposed to correct that problem. There is nothing...I have talked to a number of Senators here and, quite frankly, there are a lot of problems with this piece of legislation. It would be best probably just to kill this bill, but considering the decision by the reintroducers to hold the bill over, I think it is only right that we do that. Nevertheless, I think that each and every one of us have to keep this bill in mind over the period of time between now and next session and keep in mind that what we are trying to address here, the problem we are trying to address actually makes that problem worse, I think leads to greater problems in the future, and quite frankly this is a very bad bill, and to hold it over will only I think have a stay of sentence of execution for this legislation because I think quite frankly the problems that it has are too severe to be worked out but to give the time that they need to try and work out the problems, well, that is fine, but we will have to consider next session whether or not it is salvageable and I doubt it will be.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is unanimous consent to hold the bill over until next year. Is there any objection? If not, so ordered. We will take up LB 529.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 529 (read title). The bill was read on January 20, referred to the Ag and Environment Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File.